



CJCC Meeting

December 15, 2022

AGENDA

- **Call to Order by Chair Commissioner Rodney Ellis**
- **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes 08.18.2022**
- **Approval of Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule**
- **Recommendations from Subcommittees**
 - **Pretrial Research Database/Pretrial Sequential Bail Review**
 - *Vote on whether to recommend to the ARPA Steering Committee*
 - **Jail-Based Competency Restoration Expansion**
 - *Vote on whether to recommend to the ARPA Steering Committee*
- **Concluding Items and Next Steps**
 - **Intake Form**
 - *Use the form to submit policy solutions or proposed meeting topics*
 - **Data**
 - *OJS will continue contacting agencies to answer the CJCC's data requests. Please provide responses and any other information that could help us better understand the problems and impacts of our programs and policies.*
- **Adjournment**

Proposed 2023 Meeting Schedule

Date	Time	Location
Thursday, February 16, 2023	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress
Thursday, April 20, 2023	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress
Thursday, June 15, 2023	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress
Thursday, August 17, 2023	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress
Thursday, October 19, 2023	12:30 pm- 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress
Thursday, December 14, 2023	12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Harris County Attorney Conference Center in the basement of 1019 Congress



Harris County Pretrial Services

**Data Capacity Development, Metrics, and Implementation of Pretrial
Database for Analytics**

Current Practice



Problem

- Pretrial Services speaks with almost everyone processed through the JPC
- Unable to effectively use the data to produce foundational pretrial metrics or risk profiles, to assess outcomes by charge or a combination of risk and pretrial outcomes
- This restricts department's ability to measure its progress, communicate patterns, or contribute to collaborative solutions with other local criminal justice stakeholders.



Solution

- Establish a pretrial database for the purpose of analytics and research

Proposal

- One-time investment – ARPA Funds
- Assess HCPS' data capacity for analytics
- Establish pretrial metrics with the ability to measure outcomes by charge, condition, or risk in near real-time
- Create a database with which other Harris County justice agencies may interface with
- Establish a pretrial database for analytics



Proposal

- Expenditures
 - \$350,00 - Vendor from Applied Research and Data Analysis, Strategic Planning and Management Strategies, and Other Services for Harris County list Reference number: 21/0317
 - \$200,000 Internal costs for equipment and current case management vendor for programming
 - AMENDMENT – 1 FTE DATA ARCHITECT or BI SPECIALIST to support implementation for one year

Proposal

What would be completed:

- Assess data capacity
- Establish pretrial metrics in near real-time and at disposition
- Identify fields to export to an external database for research for stakeholder use
- Dashboards
- Data would be able to be analyzed by charge, assessment results (if completed), and conditions

Proposal

Desired outcome:

- Higher level of transparency of pretrial outcomes
- Data is essential to measuring effectiveness of programs, initiatives, and conditions
- Near real-time in the early stages of release and initiatives
- Support alternatives to detention

Proposal

Questions

Harris County Pretrial Services



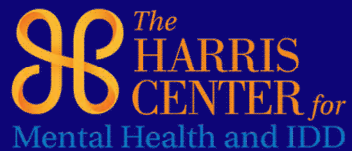
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Harris County Jail Based Competency Restoration:

Answering the Call to Eliminate the Wait

WAYNE YOUNG, MBA, LPC, FACHE
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Transforming Lives



What is Competency Restoration

General Overview

- Competency Restoration is the process used when an individual charged with a crime is found by a court to be incompetent to stand trial (IST), often due to an active mental illness or an intellectual disability.
- A defendant must be restored to competency before the legal process can continue (Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Chapter 46B, Dusky v. United States, 1960)





JBCR at the Harris County Jail

Basic Components

- JBCR is a 20 bed program that provides Competency Restoration services to individuals found incompetent to stand trial.
- JBCR is a joint collaboration between HCSO and the Harris Center that is funded by Health and Human Services
- JBCR utilizes a compassionate, competent, person-centered approach designed to engage incarcerated individuals in the court-education process using a multidisciplinary treatment team in a jail-based setting



Services Provided in JBCR

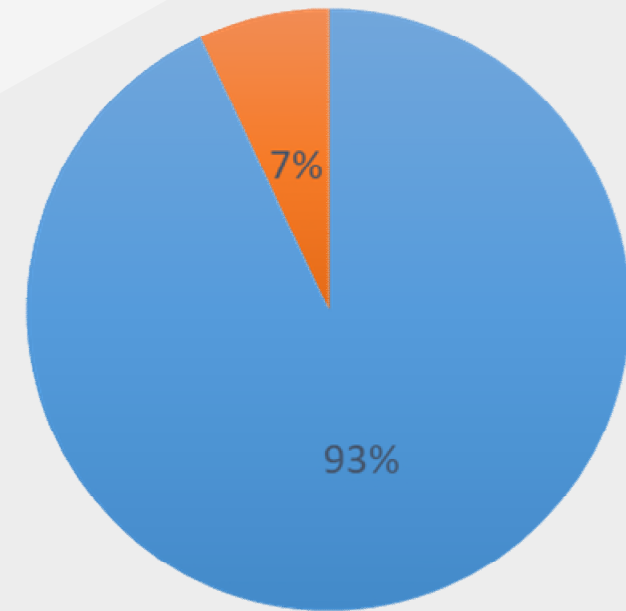
- JBCR uses a combination of multimodal educational tools such as individual and group education, and experiential activities to engage different types of learners.
- Medication Management
- Individual Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Recreational Therapy
- Substance Abuse Education (COPSD)
- Trauma Informed Care (TIC)
- Wellness and Recovery Groups
- Peer Support Services
- Case Management and Discharge Planning

JBCR Data & Metrics

FY 2022

- Restoration Rate: 93%
 - Admissions: 94
 - Discharges: 96
- Description of Participants
 - Male: 62%
 - Female: 38%
- Description of Charges
 - Felony: 83%
 - Misdemeanor: 17%
- Average Length of Stay in JBCR: 55 Days

JBCR Restoration Rate (FYTD)

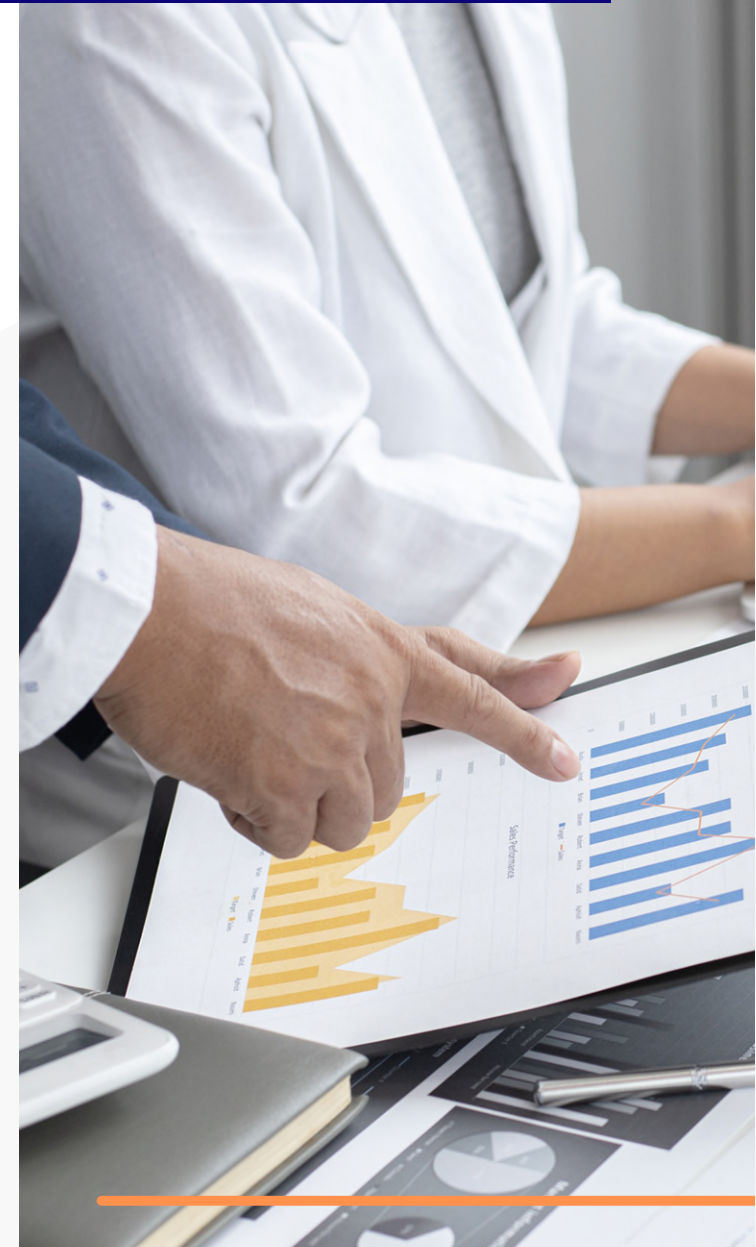


■ Competent ■ Incompetent

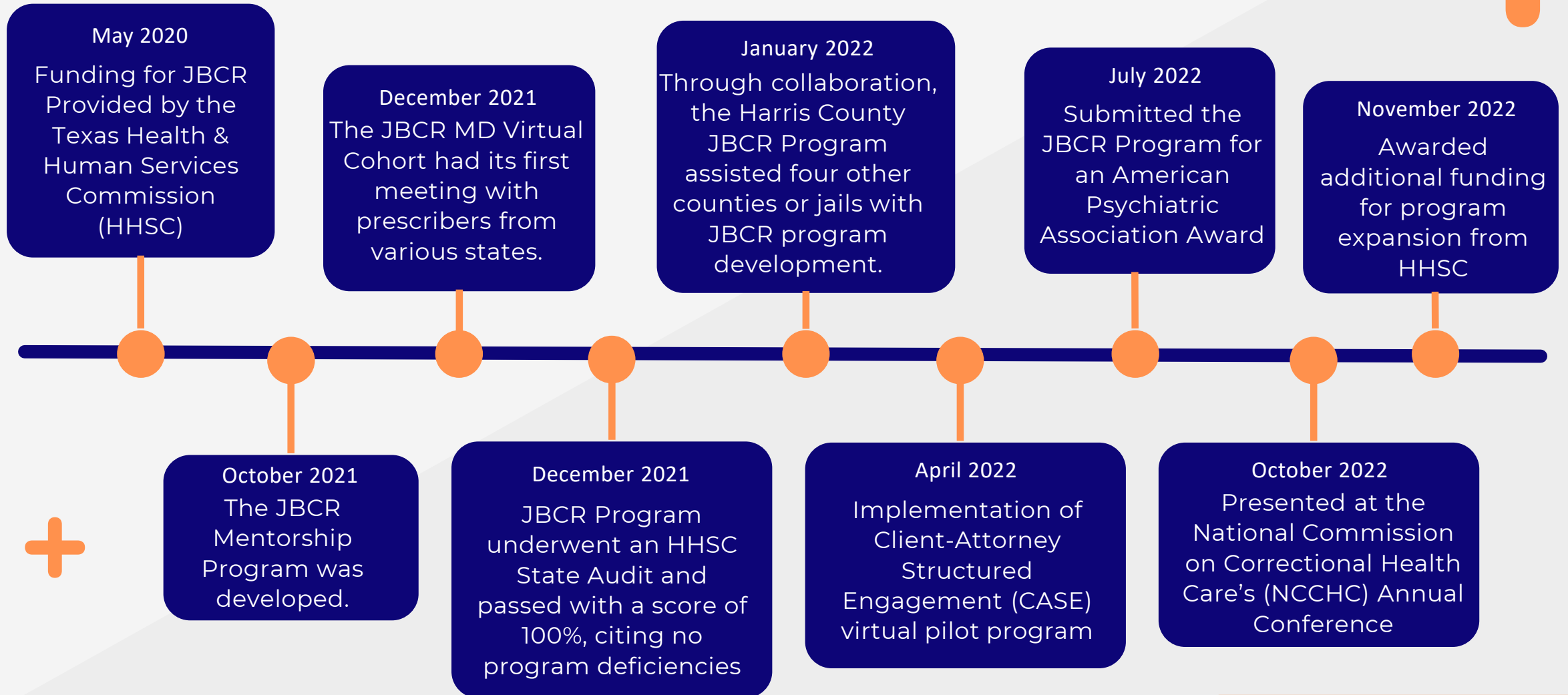
JBCR Data & Metrics

Data Since Inception

- Restoration Rates:
 - FY 2021: 87%
 - FY 2022: 93%
- Total # of Patients Served in JBCR: 189
 - FY 2021 (01/26/2021 -08/31/2021): 65
 - FY 2022 (09/01/2021 -08/31/2022): 98
- Court Ordered Medications:
 - FY 2021: 51%
 - FY 2022: 45%
- Total # of Maximum Security Patients Served in JBCR: 88 (48%)
 - FY 2021 (01/26/2021 -08/31/2021): 33 (51%)
 - FY 2022 (09/01/2021 -08/31/2022): 49 (52%)



JBCR Program Highlights





Program Expansion

- A JBCR expansion would allow an increase from a current capacity of 20 patients to 50 patients.
- In addition to an increase in patients, the expansion would provide the opportunity to have JBCR programming for the Pre and Post Admission patients.
- Engagement services/education can be provided to patients waiting for placement for restoration and for patients recently opined competent to stand trial.
- Harris County's average waiting list for CY 2022 is 255. The expansion would have a positive impact on the local wait list, but also impact the state, the county, the jail, and the patients themselves.



Program Expansion

- The Harris County JBCR Program has a restoration rate of 93% (other state JBCR programs average 40%).
- Last FY the program served 98 patients-exceeding the annual target of 80 patients served
- Expansion to 50 beds would mean that up to 200-245 patients could be served annually.
- In addition, it expedites the patient's ability to proceed in his/her legal case which should result in less time jail waiting for a bed.



Current JBCR Budget

Table 1: Current JBCR Budget

JBCR Funding	JBCR Current Budget
HHSC	\$ 871,500.00
The Harris Center Contributions	
- OCR Contract	\$ 216,594.57
- Clinical Contract	\$ 108,173.53
Subtotal	\$ 1,196,268.10
Admin Fee (5%)	\$ 59,813.41
Total	\$ 1,256,081.51

JBCR Expansion Budget

Table 2: HHSC JBCR Expansion

Table 2	
HHSC JBCR Expansion (20 beds)	\$ 476,237.24
Subtotal	\$ 476,237.24
Admin Fee (10%)	\$ 47,623.72
Total	\$ 523,860.96

Table 3: Harris JBCR County Expansion

Table 3	
Harris County JBCR Expansion (10 CR beds and 20 Stepdown)	\$ 586,917.27
Subtotal	\$ 586,917.27
Admin Fee (10%)	\$ 58,691.73
Total	\$ 645,609.00



JBCR Success Stories

Mr. Jones was arrested and charged with a felony crime; however, his case could not move forward because he was found to be Incompetent to Stand Trial. After a very long wait on the State Hospital Waitlist, Mr. Jones was one of the first patients admitted into JBCR.

Prior to his arrival on the unit, Mr. Jones was very discouraged. He had spend many years of his life in and out of jail and hospitals. During the process of JBCR, it was clear Mr. Jones was ready for a change. He no longer wanted to continue in the same cycle of homelessness, incarceration, and hospitalization.

In JBCR he was looked upon favorably by some of the younger patients. He felt he had a purpose and oftentimes helped other patients in the program.

Upon completion of the program, Mr. Jones recieved his certificate of successful program completion and was able to re-enter the community after spending 512 days incarcerated. Mr. Jones was able to enter a personal care home and has not returned to the Harris County Jail since his release in April of 2021.



JBCR Success Stories

Tony is a man in his early 30's currently facing a very serious charge. He was opined Incompetent to Stand Trial based on the severity of his mental illness and was admitted to the Jail Based Competency Restoration (JCBR) Program.

As a juvenile, he had a difficult upbringing. Tony grew up in a single parent household and relied heavily on his family for support. He even had a promising musical career until experiencing his first psychiatric episode in his early 20's.

Through his dedication and hard work in JBCR, Tony was restored to competency in 53 days. At the time of his restoration, Tony was the number one patient on the waitlist. He had spent over 800 days incarcerated, 771 of those days on the State Hospital Waitlist.

While he currently awaits his return to court, Tony has started to resume writing poetry and music again, something he did not think would ever be possible again.

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Concluding Items and Next Steps

- CJCC Solutions Recommendation Intake Form
 - Submit suggestions/ideas/solutions for the jail population and case backlog issues or proposed meeting topics
 - The form is available at:
<https://forms.monday.com/forms/4cfd7a3bc385bf8c9520fba388c36c41?r=use1>.
- Data

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 16, 2023
Harris County Attorney Basement Conference
Center

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